

Harding Resents Complaints on Bureau Ouster

Action Taken Entirely for Good of the Service, He Holds; No Executive Explanation Is Necessary

Answers Letter of Union Rumors of Theft or Irregularities in Department Again Officially Denied

WASHINGTON, April 10.—President Harding is keeping in close touch with affairs at the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing following the drastic shake-up of a week ago when a score of executives were discharged. The President held an after-conference today with the new director of the bureau, Louis A. Hill, who told the President that the inventory, begun Sunday, will be completed in a week. At the same time a letter which the President wrote to a representative of the dismissed employees, in which it was stated that the bureau was reorganizing plans was made public.

Arrangements are being made for the return to work of some of the 4,000 employees before the inventory is completed. All of them will be at work again inside of a week. Solution of the mystery of the firing last Friday of the package of \$5 Treasury bills in the Department of the Treasury, was announced today by Chief Moran of the Secret Service, who said the bills were a part of a bundle of 1,000 sheets, each containing four \$5 notes, stolen from the bureau about a year ago.

President Harding states in a letter to Luther C. Steward, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, made public by the organization tonight, that the changes made in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing "were ordered after extended deliberation and were inspired wholly for the good of the service."

Text of Harding's Reply The letter follows: "I have before me your letter of April 10, in which you write to me in respect of the Executive action in effecting the reorganization of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and with which you include to me the letter of Gertrude McNally, secretary of the women's union, making similar protest. Because you and Miss McNally speak officially for so large a part of Federal employees, I desire personally to make courteous acknowledgment, but I must suggest at the same time that courtesy shall not be confused with apology.

"The changes made at the bureau were ordered after extended deliberation and were inspired wholly for the good of the service. It was so stated at the time. I do not understand that such a statement or such an action impugns any one's character or calls for charges against the employees concerned or demands explanation by the Executive.

"The order in the case specifically stated that those of the dismissed employees who were eligible to retirement would be retired as from the date of the order, which I think you will agree is not subject to the construction that their characters were impugned in any way. Miss McNally's letter states that these persons are ineligible to reinstatement in the government service because summarily dismissed on charges, and they lose the benefit of the retirement act. This indicates a distinct misunderstanding of the action taken. There were no charges and there was a distinct assurance that the benefits of the retirement act were preserved.

Sweeping Action Necessary "In the circumstances which were presented to the executive at the time of taking this action it seemed appropriate to me then, as it does now, that no action less sweeping than was taken could give complete assurance of the full protection of the government's interests.

"I shall maintain every regard for the civil service law, but if a responsible executive head may not take such action as is deemed necessary for the good of the public service, then such an inhibition on the powers of the executive ought to be made very clear to Congress, to government employees and to the American public, to which we are all answerable. Then the responsibility may no longer be lodged with the executive. Until such understanding is made clear I invite you and others who speak for Federal employees to join me in doing the things deemed necessary to promote the highest possible degree of Federal service."

Widow of Sieleken to Receive \$2,000,000 Half of Estate Goes to Wife, Who Wedded Opera Singer; Two Women Enter Claims An accounting of the estate of Herman Sieleken, filed in the Surrogate's Court yesterday, shows that Mrs. Sieleken, who recently married Joseph Schwann, a Russian opera baritone, receives \$2,000,000 from the estate of her first husband, who was a coffee importer. Mr. Sieleken left \$4,734,059. He had \$2,982,076 in cash.

During the war the Sieleken estate fell into the hands of the Alien Property Custodian. Since the death of Mr. Sieleken, the account of the Columbia Trust Company shows, \$1,200,000 has been invested in United States Victory bonds and numerous state and municipal bonds.

Among the numerous claims against the estate is one by Mrs. Marguerite A. Blackwell, who alleges the testator promised to leave her one-half of his estate. Another is brought by Mrs. Agnes McF. Roberts for \$53,166, which has been allowed by a referee. Mrs. Roberts alleged that Mr. Sieleken promised to pay her \$200 a month for life and also that he would leave her \$50,000 in his will. These two claims were rejected by the executor. Mrs. Blackwell is suing the estate in the Supreme Court for \$200,000. Another rejected claim was by the Woolson Spice Company for \$931,520. This concern also is suing in the Supreme Court to recover the amount alleged due from the estate.

Navy Retirement Bill Offered WASHINGTON, April 10.—Compulsory retirement of naval officers reaching sixty years of age or having seen service of forty years, if the President should so desire, is proposed in a bill introduced today by Chairman Page of the Senate Naval Committee upon the recommendation of Secretary Denby.

London Bridge a Landlord London Bridge has a rent roll of quarters of a million dollars a year, derived from property left in the past for the special upkeep of the bridge.

Election Case Is Quashed James F. Sullivan Free of Charge Made in 1919

James F. Sullivan, of Jamaica, was freed yesterday through an order issued by Justice James C. Van Sictlen in the Kings County Supreme Court of an indictment found against him by the Queens grand jury in 1919 charging violation of the election law. The indictment was quashed for lack of prosecution.

In the campaign of 1919 Edgar F. Hazleton, then an assistant district attorney of Queens, was a candidate on the Republican ticket for municipal judge. Sullivan owns two newspapers which supported Kennedy, the opposition candidate, and attacked Hazleton. The charge against Sullivan was that he had offered to swing the support of his papers to Hazleton if the latter in case of election would appoint Sullivan's father-in-law chief clerk in the Jamaica court. Sullivan pleaded not guilty to the indictment and was paroled for trial.

Child, 7, Killed by Neighbor's Auto; 3 Other Motor Deaths

High School Student Hurt Fatally When Truck Hits His Bicycle on Brooklyn Bridge; Two Drivers Held

Robert Buyer, seven years old, of 227 West 122d Street, was run over and killed by an automobile while playing ball in 122d Street, a short distance from Fifth Avenue, late yesterday. The car, owned by Martin Hermann, of 105 Lenox Avenue, was driven by William Lang, chauffeur. Lang picked the child up and drove him to Knickerbocker Hospital, where he died.

Lang told the police the child was the son of one of his neighbors and had been one of his favorites. He said the boy ran from behind a truck in pursuit of his ball, being struck by it as it was possible to check the speed of the machine.

Edward Roach, nine, of 249 East Forty-first Street, was killed when run over by an auto truck of the Schilling Van and Storage Company. The child had climbed to the tailboard of the truck and was jolted off when the wheels struck a curb. Adolph Kleiner, driver of the truck, was exonerated.

George Marx, sixteen, a student at Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, was killed by a truck on Manhattan Bridge. He was riding a bicycle near the Brooklyn end of the bridge when run down by a motor truck of the Hudson Shore Company, 220 Broadway. Bjor Gusterson, of 31 Fourth Street, Brooklyn, driver of the machine, was arrested on a technical charge of homicide.

Herbert EF, five, of 1570 Madison Avenue, was crushed to death, and his father, Joseph EF, was injured, while four others narrowly escaped injury, when a taxicab stopped suddenly at Fifth Avenue and 110th Street and then backed up at high speed, throwing half a dozen persons to the street. The boy, holding his father's hand as he crossed Fifth Avenue, was caught by a wheel of the taxicab and injured so seriously that he died on the way to Mount Sinai Hospital.

Murray Meyers, twenty-two, driver of the cab, was locked up at 104th Street station, charged with homicide.

Lebaudys' Flight Laid to Seers's Warning to Bride

Accused of Telling Daughter Husband Was Unfaithful; Marriage Called Plan to Divide Family Fortune

Special Cable to The Tribune Copyright, 1922, New York Tribune Inc. PARIS, April 10.—The neighbors of Henry Sudreau, French detective, whose son, Roger, on February 21 married Jacqueline, daughter of Mme. Marguerite Bellieres Lebaudy, widow of the self-styled "Emperor of Sahara," say that Sudreau has threatened to punish Mme. Lakah, fortune teller, who is said to have induced Mme. Lebaudy and her daughter to leave their home and go into retirement. The fortune teller admits having read the cards for the Lebaudys, but she denies having induced them to leave home by saying that Roger was unfaithful to his new wife.

Both mother and daughter have taken refuge with friends. Just how the case will turn out has not been foreseen, because flatly contradictory tales are told by the two sides. Henry Sudreau, also known as Harris, told The Tribune correspondent:

"I lived with Mme. Lebaudy and her daughter before going to New York to settle up the Lebaudy estate. While we talked business my son and her daughter fell in love. The only thing left was marriage. A civil ceremony was performed, but at Mme. Lebaudy's request the religious ceremony was deferred until my marriage to Mme. Lebaudy. Both were scheduled to take place at the same time."

But from friends of the Lebaudys comes a different version. There it is said that the marriage of Jacqueline and Roger was only a marriage of convenience and there was no intention of going ahead with it. As originally planned, the children were to be married so that the Lebaudy millions would be available to the whole family, but under the present strained relations between Mme. Lebaudy and Sudreau Mme. Lebaudy has no desire to go ahead with proceedings, because she isn't sure now that she wants Sudreau to have any of the money.

As for Sudreau, he continues to be confident that the widow and her daughter will return to their home and that all the difficulties can be ironed out. Roger insists the marriage was not one of convenience. He says he is a prospective father and that the fortune teller caused him great distress by her prognostications.

Mills Will Introduce Bill To Check Automobile Thefts SARTOGA SPRINGS, N. C., April 10.—General legislation designed to curb automobile thefts will be introduced in Congress by Representative Mills, of New York, Hiram C. Todd, Federal District Attorney and chairman of a committee of Federal and state district attorneys of New York, who prepared the bill, announced here today.

The measure is intended to provide a Federal registration and a permanent number for every car. Every sale of a motor vehicle would be made by bill of sale recorded in certain United States court clerk offices.

Chioans Hear Chinese Professor Hung Addresses Society Members Here

Confidence in the future of China, provided she is not molested by aggressive neighbors, and provided she continues to have the traditional friendship of the United States, was expressed last night by Professor William Hung, of Peking University, speaking before the Ohio Society on "China After the Washington Conference."

"Conditions are deplorable there now, and everyone in China is heartily sick of them," said Professor Hung, "but there is, nevertheless, a unity and oneness of culture and civilization as well as a homogeneity of race which gives China limitless vitality, and which gave the country its strength at the conference because it showed through the political bickerings."

The speaker closed with a plea for the continuation of the excellent feeling between America and China.

Suffragists Hope To Win in Brazil By Gentle Means Dona Bertha Lutz Says Militancy Would Mean Ruin; Indifference of Women Is Chief Obstacle to Success

Dona Bertha Lutz, leader of the suffrage movement in Brazil, is against militancy and in favor of diplomacy as a means of suffrage propaganda. Brazil will never have even a suffrage parade, much less a window smashing campaign, she says.

"Militancy would ruin everything for us," she declared yesterday. "Our policy is to be very gentle and persistent. There really is very little opposition to overcome in our country. The only difficulty is the indifference of the women themselves, who are content to be sheltered and amused all their lives."

Dona Lutz herself, although she is known as the "brains of the suffrage movement of Brazil," might also pose as its gentle persuasive smile. A more soft-spoken suffragette was never interviewed.

She smiled gently through an hour's cross-examination at the hands of reporters and fellow suffragists yesterday at the League of Women Voters office, 37 West Thirty-ninth Street, and succeeded in outlining the difficulties of the suffrage task in Brazil without once saying an unkind word about any one. Dressed in a black velvet gown, with light bodice embroidered in gold with a high fur collar, she refrained, too, from making any unkind comments even on New York's idea of spring temperature.

"The fate of suffrage in our country depends largely on the outcome of the recent election, returns from which have not yet been announced," she said. "Nilo Becanha is a friend of woman suffrage. If he is elected, I believe we shall have suffrage in a short time. The President is very powerful in our country."

The present President, she said, had never expressed himself on the suffrage issue, though the fact that he appointed her to her post as secretary of the National Museum showed that he was not unfriendly toward women in office.

Local Presbytery Gives Women Right To Become Deacons

Reverses Action of Last Year by Unanimous Vote; Dr. Mendenhall Re-elected Moderator 7th Time


For the first time in its history the Presbytery of New York voted yesterday to allow women to become church deacons. The vote, taken at the annual spring meeting of the presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church, Fifth Avenue and Eleventh Street, was unanimous. It follows similar action by other presbyteries in various parts of the country.

The proposition to permit women to serve as deacons was defeated a year ago, when it was proposed that women be made eligible for elders as well as deacons. This time the vote concerned only the deacons.

The Rev. Dr. H. G. Mendenhall, who has been moderator of the local presbytery for six years, was re-elected yesterday for his seventh year. He has the distinction of having served as moderator here longer by three years than any of his predecessors.

The convention authorized its social service committee to co-operate with similar committees of other denominations to the end that means might be found to aid the authorities in maintaining law and order in New York City. Dr. Mendenhall said the prevailing crime conditions prompted this step. In the same connection it was announced that the social service committee was making rapid progress in its work with other denominations to provide a home for drug addicts.

The following ministers were elected commissioners to the General Assembly to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, May 18: Daniel Russell, Rutgers Presbyterian Church; James Palmer, assistant pastor of the Fifth Avenue Pres-



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Elders elected to attend the national meeting are: W. L. Ammerman, Central Church; W. Y. Jack, Williamsbridge Church; William E. Waters, West End Church; Lewis Lyons, Bethany; Samuel F. Mead, Faith Church; Norman J. Marsh, North Church; John P. Munn, First Presbyterian Church; and William J. Boyd, Mount Washington Church.

Muscle Shoals Bill Offered

Norris Wants It Considered in Ford Hearing

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The Norris resolution creating a government owned corporation and authorizing the Secretary of War, pending organization of the corporation, to begin construction of Dam No. 3 and complete Dam No. 4, at Muscle Shoals, was introduced in the Senate today by its author.

Immediate reference of the resolution to the Agriculture Committee was asked by Senator Norris, in order that it might be considered by that body in connection with the hearing the committee initiated today on the proposals submitted by Henry Ford, the Alabama Power Company, Frederick Engstrom and Charles Parsons, involving purchase, lease, completion and operation of the projects.

Senator Underwood, of Alabama, minority leader, invited to make the opening statement when the investigation was opened, declared Congress ought to adopt an immediate policy for the future of Muscle Shoals.

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